

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE PERUVIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATING 176 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Peruvian community as they celebrate their 13th Annual State Parade. This event, which recognizes Peruvian independence from Spain, was celebrated on Sunday, July 27, 1997, in the cities of Passaic, Clifton, and Paterson, NJ.

Peru's independence began 176 years ago on July 28, 1821. The State Parade is the biggest celebration of Peruvian immigrants in my home State of New Jersey. They have made many contributions to this country. They have distinguished themselves at every level of American society. Their dedication to family and community demonstrates what can be accomplished when people work together.

The Peruvian community is honored to have Carlos Noriega Jimenez and Roberto Chale as the grand marshals of the parade. Carlos Noriega Jimenez is the first Peruvian-American in space. He is a major for the USMC who was on the May 15, 1997, NASA mission STS-84 aboard the space shuttle Atlantis. Mr. Noriega Jimenez is loved by the Peruvian community and serves as an inspiration for the entire Hispanic population.

Roberto Chale is the former star soccer player of the Peruvian national team. Mr. Chale, along with other Peruvian soccer players, remain as role models for the younger generation.

I commend the 1997 Peruvian Parade Committee led by parade president Jose Falen who is currently in his third year as the parade president, and vice-president Lusi Ona for their work in making this event possible. On this momentous occasion, a number of people will be recognized for their outstanding work: Ambassador Carlos Gamarra Mujica, Florencio Guerrero, Lucila Campos, Daisy Cuellar, Dr. Carlos Neyra Estens, Roberto Bustamante, and Jose Cabada. Each of these exceptional individuals has made a unique contribution to enhancing the image of Hispanics in our community.

It is gratifying to know that the Peruvian Day Parade brings our community together, reflecting on the cities of Passaic, Clifton, Paterson, and the State of New Jersey. I am certain my colleagues will rise with me and recognize this wonderful celebration of culture and diversity.

A NEW NATIONAL AIRPORT IS
LAUNCHED

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 1997

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, Sunday morning, July 27, 1997, was a historic occasion in the

Nation's Capital. The New National Airport was unveiled. The new terminal and facility boasts stunning architecture and artwork, sweeping panoramic views of Washington, DC, restaurants, and retail outlets for the 19 major airlines and shuttles which annually serve over 15 million passengers.

The new airport can also be called more user-friendly, with some 5,000 parking spaces and with Metrorail almost to the new terminal's front door. It is truly a magnificent gateway to the Nation's Capital.

National Airport has come a long way since its opening in June 1941, when the Federal Government was in charge of operating the airport. Over the years, National has had its share of growing pains, and as a ward of the Federal Government which had to compete for its share of a dwindling Federal pie, it became what one Transportation Secretary in 1979 called a dump.

Today, though, National is being called a showplace. For that, we salute the yeoman efforts of Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Hanford Dole who 13 years ago set in motion a commission headed by former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton, on which I was honored to serve with other area Members of Congress and Governors, and the D.C. Major, to come up with a plan to get the Federal Government out of the airports business.

After several years of fits and starts, the persuasive Mrs. Dole finally achieved her goal. Congress approved legislation to transfer Washington National and Washington Dulles International Airports from Federal ownership to a local authority.

In 1987 the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority was created, putting the wheels in motion to improve both National and Dulles Airports. Soon after, with the ability to sell bonds to finance improvements, the airports authority began an almost \$2 billion construction program for the two airports. We see today the result of the airports authority's vision at the new National Airport. Dulles is also progressing, with the new Midfield Concourse on schedule and set to open later this fall.

We offer congratulations to the airports authority and the many, many people in northern Virginia and the entire Metropolitan Washington Area who have worked so hard over the past 10 years to launch National Airport into a new century of aviation.

HONORING JOSEPH R. COPPOLA,
PH.D.

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 1997

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Joseph Coppola. This past May, Dr. Coppola was honored by Canisius College for his exceptional service to both the college and our community. A member of the Canisius graduating class of 1940, Dr. Coppola has es-

tablished himself a true leader in the accounting profession. He has served the college both as an educator and as an active alumna, and is a devoted husband, father of 10, and grandfather of 30. In recognition of that commitment, Canisius College has conferred upon Dr. Joseph R. Coppola the prestigious LaSalle Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with Dr. Coppola's family in expressing my enthusiastic commendation for this high honor, and would ask that the following article noting this tremendous achievement be submitted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

THE CONFERRAL OF THE LASALLE MEDAL

The integrity and success of Canisius-educated accountants have earned the college a national reputation for the quality of its accounting program. No one has had a greater impact in that program than Dr. Joseph R. Coppola '40.

Joe Coppola had earned a B.B.A. in accounting from Canisius and an M.B.A. from the prestigious Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1941) by the time America entered World War II. Thus it was not in the boardroom but on the field of battle that he first answered the call to leadership. He served in both the Army and Air Force, winning six battle stars and the Presidential Unit Citation before returning stateside.

Dr. Coppola returned to Alma Mater to join the faculty in 1946. His affinity for the subject he taught, combined with humor and an unaffected concern for his students, brought accounting principles and practices to life for those who took his classes, including many who went on to distinguished careers in business, industry, and education.

Dr. Coppola earned a Ph.D. from the University of Ottawa in 1967. While teaching, raising a family, and pursuing that degree, he also worked with public accounting firms, private industry, and government agencies to open new employment opportunities for Canisius accounting graduates.

He took on weighty administrative responsibilities during his Canisius years as well, serving as chairman of the Accounting Department, as moderator of the college's Accounting Society, as director of the Senior Accounting Internship Program, and as coordinator of the IRS Work Co-Op Program. In each of these capacities he helped lay the foundation for the exceptional accounting program that continues to thrive at Canisius—one reason he is known as "Papa Joe" in that department.

Dr. Coppola also provided lasting financial support to future generations of accounting students by establishing the Dr. Joseph R. Coppola Scholarship Award in 1988—a fund that provides five annual scholarships. In 1982 he created the Dr. Joseph R. Coppola Award, given to recognize an exceptional Canisius accounting graduate.

Dr. Coppola's devotion to Canisius College has always extended beyond academic matters. Over the years, he and his wife, Angie, their children and grandchildren have been faithful participants in many college events. Thus, in another important way, the Coppolas have illustrated for our students the beauty of a lasting marriage, the joy of a loving family, and the strength of a profound religious faith.

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